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GOVERNOR JOHN SEVIER PAPERS
(SECOND SERIES OF ADMINISTRATIONS)
1803-1809

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The second series of administrations of Governor John Sevier (1803-1809) has a volume of correspondence concerning the expansion of the State through the acquisition of Indian lands. Along with this are several items of correspondence dealing with the development of roads to the bordering states- Georgia in particular, as the State's economy began changing from agrarian to commercial.

A large amount of the material contained in the record deals with the ever-present problems of the Indians and their settlements. Also contained in these records are documents dealing with our relations with foreign countries and the increasing displeasure of Tennesseans with the Embargo, in effect from 1807-1809. Also of interest is the patenting of the cotton gin by Whitney and Miller, of which the State of Tennessee purchased interest in during the administration of John Sevier.

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Note: the Sevier administrations COMMISSION AND BOND BOOK FOR COUNTY OFFICERS (1796-1821), and PROCLAMATION, WARRANTS, PARDONS, AND ELECTION ORDER BOOK (1796-1821) are found in Box #4 of the Governor John Sevier Papers, First Series of Administrations (1796-1801)